

## **INQUIRY INTO SAME SEX MARRIAGE LAW IN NSW**

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It is definition, not discrimination, which means marriage is a voluntarily entered relationship between two adults of the opposite gender.

Marriage as the union of a man and a woman has existed across cultures, religions and millennia, reflecting the biological complementary nature of the sexes.

Marriage existed before parliaments – the state has no business in redefining something that has naturally existed in almost all times and places.

Redefining marriage creates the presumption that a child no longer has the right to be raised within their biological family. This is a serious human rights issue for our most vulnerable.

Redefining marriage leads to the suppression of freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Marriage is a federal issue – the New South Wales parliament should not be attempting to redefine marriage.